



Front Country Trails Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force

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Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 6, 2007
5:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers
735 Anacapa Street, 2nd Floor, Santa Barbara

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Forsell called the regular meeting of the Front Country Trails Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force to order at 5:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 735 Anacapa Street, 2nd Floor.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Task Force Member Forsell

ROLL CALL: Task Force Members Present:

Steve Forsell	City Park & Recreation Commissioner
Beebe Longstreet	City Park & Recreation Commissioner
Suzanne Perkins	County Parks Commissioner 1 st District
James Hickling	County Parks Commissioner 3 rd District
Bruce Emmens	Public Use & Facilities Staff Officer Los Padres National Forest
Linda Riddle	District Ranger, Santa Barbara Ranger District Los Padres National Forest

City of Santa Barbara Staff Present

Jill Zachary	Assistant Parks and Recreation Director
Kathy Frye	Associate Park/Natural Areas Planner
Karla Megill	Executive Assistant

County of Santa Barbara Staff Present

Claude A. Garciacelay	ASLA, Park Planner
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Los Padres National Forest Staff Present

Kerry Kellogg	Recreation Specialist, Santa Barbara Ranger District
Jeff Bensen	District Recreation Officer, Los Padres National Forest

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Speakers:

- Members of the Public: James Merrick, Greg Knowles, Paul Donohoe, Todd Booth, David Phreaner, Paula Schaefer, Brian Rossini, Harrison Davis, Melanie Davis, Jaap Van Den Boesh, Lashkari Farshid, Roxanne Moore, Shayne Kleinebecker, Bob Zaratzian, Michael Cohen, Gregory Gandrud

TASK FORCE AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS - None

1. Approval of Minutes

Recommendation: That the FCT Multi-jurisdictional Task Force waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the May 2, 2007.

Motion:

Task Force members Emmons/Longstreet that the Task Force approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 2, 2007.

The Motion Failed

Task Force Comments

- Task Force Member Perkins commented regarding the user group presentations that the Task Force asked the different user groups their basic membership numbers, how many active members they had, and what were the expenses they contributed each year toward trail maintenance, and the only one that is mentioned is the Trails Council. Ms. Perkins asked that if the information is included in the minutes for one of the agencies, it should be included for all.
- Chair Forsell suggested that if the information was not readily available, that staff modify the minutes and bring them back at the next meeting for approval.
 - Ms. Zachary indicated that staff would review the audio file and modify the minutes if the information is available.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

2. Existing conditions – Trails Planning and Policy, Trail Easement Acquisition and Use Permits and Regulation

Recommendation: That the FCT Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force (Task Force) receive a presentation on current trails planning and policy, trail easement acquisition and use permits and regulation.

Documents:

- Staff Report

- County PRT-1 & PRT - 2 Maps
- Montecito Community Plan –PRT Section
- Toro Area Plan – PRT Section
- Grant of Trail Easement – Standard Form
- SBMC – Title 22, Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 22.07, Covenants of Easements
- SBMC, Title 27, Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 27.05, Dedications and Reservations
- SBMC, Title 28, Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 28.37, PR – Park and Recreation Zone
- Staff PowerPoint Presentation

Speakers:

Staff: Jill Zachary, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director; Jeff Bensen, District Recreation Officer, Los Padres National Forest; Claude A. Garciacelay, ASLA, Park Planner; Kathy Frye, Associate Planner, City of Santa Barbara

Task Force Comments/Discussion:

Task Force comments primarily concerned the number of special use and commercial permits currently issued; educating the public and commercial organizations regarding the requirement to obtain permits, the revenue that could be recovered by selling permits; enforcement of permits; multi-jurisdictional liability issues related to permits; the need for the Task Force to come up with ideas on how to jointly administer permitted uses; the possible need to work out agreements between the National Forest Service, County, and the City with respect to permitting; and, the possibility of developing a policy or procedure for issuing permits across jurisdictions.

3. User Group Presentations

A. County Riding and Hiking Trails Advisory Council (CRAHTAC)

Document:

- Statement to Front Country Trails Task Force, dated June 6, 2007

Speaker:

- Kalon Kelley

Task Force Comments:

- The Task Force thanked Mr. Kelley for his presentation.

B. Sierra Club

Documents:

- PowerPoint Presentation

Speakers:

- Jim Childress, Santa Barbara Group of the Sierra Club

Task Force Comments

The Task Force was please to be provided with the video footage depicting the conditions of the trails.

C. Santa Barbara New Trails Committee

Documents:

- Map of Front Country Trails
- Report to Front Country Task Force, dated June 6, 2007

Speakers:

- David Cooper, Dorothy Little John

Public Comment Speakers:

- John Berberet, Randall Danta, Stephen Dougherty, Dave Everett, Tony Beigen, Karen Jenkins, Lynn Kirst, and Kat Post

Task Force Comments:

The Task Force asked for background information on the Santa Barbara New Tails Council, which Ms. Littlejohn provided.

Task Force comments primarily concerned the fact that developing new trails is a very complex process that involves talking to elected officials. The Task Force encouraged The Santa Barbara New Trails Council to talk to the City Council and the County Board of Supervisors.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

At 8:07 p.m., Task Force members Longstreet/Hickling that the Task Force meeting be adjourned.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote

Respectfully submitted,

Jill E. Zachary
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director